**Grammar Spotlight- Possessives**

**Nouns which show ownership or possession need to use an apostrophe to show possession. Keep in mind that a noun can possess another noun that you can’t necessarily touch, own or see (freedom, atmosphere, victory).**

**Nouns which are plural- and end in s- don’t need an apostrophe until they show ownership of another noun.**

**INCORRECT: The cat’s are fun. The girl’s are in the bathroom again.**

**Rules for making a noun a possessive:**

**1. For a singular noun, add ‘s, regardless of the letter it already ends with.**

**The cat’s hairball The child’s toy Charles’s pen**

**EXCEPTION: if the ‘s would be the third “s” sound in the word,, just add the apostrophe.**

**Moses’ family**

**2. For a plural nouns that already end in s, add just an apostrophe.**

**The girls’ soccer team the wolves’ territory the puppies’ cages**

**3. For plural nouns that do not end in s, add ‘s.**

**Children’s books mice’s nest women’s gloves**

**Practice: Add commas, semicolons, colons, and now apostrophes.**

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**2. Several students home works were put in the basket.**

**3. My Uncle Tom my moms brother lives in Grass Valley California.**

**4. Sadly he lost the students essays and couldn’t grade them.**

**5. A paramedics emergency kit should include the following items a CPR mask a defibrillator and an assortment of bandaids.**

**6. Jennfiers bicycle had flat tires she hadn’t used it in months.**

**7. Womens gloves are sized much differently than mens gloves.**

**8. In the beginning OJs story seemed believable but as time passed his storys logic made no sense.**

**9. An Americans freedom to vote is a privilege many countries have never experienced.**

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**Answers:**

**1. The restaurant’s reputation for fish sticks is excellent.**

**2. Several students’ home works were put in the basket.**

**3. My Uncle Tom, my mom’s brother, lives in Grass Valley, California.**

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**5. A paramedic’s emergency kit should include the following items: a CPR mask, a defibrillator, and an assortment of band-aids.**

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